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SUBJECT: OMANI OFFICIAL VISIT

1. ECON ADVISER JOHN TOWNSEND AND UNDER SECRETARY MIN DEVELOPMENT ALI DAWOOD SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE WASHINGTON MARCH 10, TO BEGIN MEETINGS MARCH 11. CAN BE REACHED THROUGH OMANI EMBASSY. MAJOR PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS WITH IBRD FOR ASSISTANCE IN PLANNING, AGRICULTURE AND TRANSPORTATION. DAWOOD HAS ALSO BEEN INVITED TO BE CALIFORNIA GUEST OF DEL MONTE AND MARDELA.

2. FOR DEPARTMENT INFO: DAWOOD IS ABOUT 50, PREVIOUSLY UNDER SECREATRY MIN ECONOMY, RETURNED TO OMAN AFTER ACCESSION IN 1970. WAS COMMERCIAL ASSISTANT IN BRITISH EMBASSY IN BAHRAIN FOR 20 YEARS, AND HAS MMBE. OVER PAST TWO YEARS HAS BEEN STURDY DEPENDABLE FRIEND OF MARDELA AND DEL MONTE AND FMC, EVEN IN THE FACE OF BRITISH COMPETITION. NOT BRILLIANT OR DYNAMIC, BUT STABLE AND LIKELY TO REMAIN IN POSTS OF ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. HE IS OF BALUCH DESCENT, OMANAI NATIONALITY.

3. RE TRANSPORT ASPECT OF VISIT, FHWA REP BREWER HAS MADE PRE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WASH. FOLLOWING:

TOWNSEND ECONOMIC ADVISOR GOVT OMAN WILL BE MEETING WITH IBRD MARCH 11 REGARDING TRANSPORT LOAN. HE REQUESTS FHWA REP ATTEND MEETING WITH HIM TO ADVISE ON FHWA POTENTIAL TO PROVIDE NEEDED ADVISORY ASSISTANCE. MEETING WILL BE WITH DAN RITCHIE AND SONLY AL-DARWISH OF IBRD.

PRIORITIES OF GOVERNMENT OMAN NEEDS ARE:

A. ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS AND WRITING SPECIFICATIONS FOR TWO MILLION DOLLAR EQUIPMENT PURCHASE. TDY MIGHT BE NECESSARY.

B. ORGANIZE ROAD MAINTENANCE SECTION.

C. ESTABLISH TECHNICAL-LEVEL TRAINING SCHOOL.

D. PROVIDE TECHNICAL ADVISE ON SELECTION OF CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS.

E. REVIEW STUDIES TO DETERMINE PRIORITIES OF HIGHWAY NEEDS.

F. ESTABLISH MATERIALS LABORATORY.

G. ORGANIZE TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT TO MONITOR CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS.

4. AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: I STRONGLY CONCUR IN FHWA REP BREWER'S PROPOSAL PARA THREE ABOVE.
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